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Daily Summary of Positions on INF--Classified Developments**Lubbers Disavows Leaked Memo**

Embassy The Hague has reported the leak of a memorandum--prepared by two Christian Democratic defense spokesmen--which recommends that the Christian Democrats decide how to present a negative decision on INF to the public and to the NATO Allies. Prime Minister Lubbers and other party leaders reportedly disavowed the memorandum's conclusions, and Lubbers stressed that a Dutch deployment decision will depend on the outcome of the Geneva negotiations. []

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Comment: The memorandum's authors don't carry much weight in the Christian Democratic Party. The report itself, however, reinforces the image of deep divisions within the party over INF and plays into the hands of opponents counting on Christian Democratic differences to block a positive deployment decision by the Netherlands.

Denmark: Folketing Adopts INF Resolution

The Danish parliament yesterday voted 112-0 to support an INF resolution worked out by the Schlueter government with the opposition Social Democrats. It advocates a broadening of the zero option to achieve "a realistic alternative" to the latest Soviet offer, an alternative that will make the deployment of INF unnecessary. The two parties farthest to the left in the Danish political spectrum abstained.

Comment: The resolution is not binding on the government. The vote is another indication, however, that later this year the Folketing may balk at funding Denmark's small share of INF infrastructure costs. []

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